

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An inkjet printing apparatus, having a carriage incorporating an inkjet printhead where nozzles for discharging ink are arranged in a predetermined direction, for performing printing by scanning the carriage with respect to a printing medium in a direction orthogonal to the predetermined direction, comprising:
 - first and second conveyance means, arranged at the front and rear of an area scanned by the printhead, for conveying a printing medium while holding the printing medium; and
 - nozzle setting means for, when the printing medium is held only by one of said conveyance means, setting a nozzle to be used for printing from the nozzles where a distance between a discharge surface of the nozzle and a printing surface of the printing medium falls within a predetermined range, in accordance with a position of a printing medium in a printing-medium conveyance direction.
2. The inkjet printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said nozzle setting means makes setting so that the nozzles where a distance between the discharge surface and the printing surface of the printing medium falls within a predetermined range are divided in plural times of scanning.
3. The inkjet printing apparatus according to claim

2, wherein during the plural times of scanning, nozzles to be used for printing are changed, instead of conveying the printing medium by said conveyance means.

4. The inkjet printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said nozzle setting means makes setting to use nozzles at the rear with respect to the conveyance direction for printing a front-end side of the printing medium, and to use nozzles at the front with respect to the conveyance direction for printing a rear-end side of the printing medium.

5. The inkjet printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said nozzle setting means makes setting to use all nozzles when the printing medium is held by both the first and second conveyance means.

6. The inkjet printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said nozzle setting means further comprises an association table of a nozzle to be used and a distance with respect to the printing medium conveyance direction for each type of printing medium.

7. A control method of an inkjet printing apparatus, having a carriage incorporating an inkjet printhead where nozzles for discharging ink are arranged in a predetermined direction, for performing printing by scanning the carriage with respect to a printing medium in a direction orthogonal to the predetermined direction, said apparatus having first and second conveyance means that are arranged at the front and

rear of an area scanned by the printhead, comprising:

a determining step of determining whether or not the printing medium is held only by one of the conveyance means based on a position of the printing medium in a printing-medium conveyance direction; and

a nozzle setting step of, when it is determined that the printing medium is held only by one of the conveyance means, setting a nozzle to be used for printing from the nozzles where a distance between a discharge surface of the nozzle and a printing surface of the printing medium falls within a predetermined range.